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1. MANDATE GIVEN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (PDCS) TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT EXPIRED DECEMBER 13 AND MANDATE WAS PASSED TO COMMUNISTS (PCS) ON DECEMBER 15. SAN MARINO'S SECOND LARGEST PARTY ALSO UNABLE FORM GOVERNMENT AND MANDATE WAS PASSED TO THIRD LARGEST PARTY, THE SOCIALISTS (PSS), ON JANUARY 3. IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY SOCIALISTS WILL BE ABLE TO FORM GOVERNMENT SINCE THEY CONTINUE TO INSIST ON INCLUSION OF COMMUNISTS (WHICH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS STATE THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT) AND NO OTHER PROBABLE COMBINATION OF PARTIES WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT VOTES TO SUPPORT A MAJORITY GOVERNMENT.

2. NEW ELEMENT IN THIS COMPLICATED MANEUVERING IS FACT THAT SAN MARINO COMMUNIST PARTY, SUPPORTED BY PRINCIPAL SAN MARINO LABOR UNION, HAS ESTABLISHED RADIO STATION IN ITALY JUST OUTSIDE SAN MARINO BORDER (RADIO STATION NOT PLACED IN SAN
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MARINO SINCE SAN MARINO IS STILL OBSERVING ITS AGREEMENT WITH ITALY NOT TO ESTABLISH ANY RADIO STATIONS IN SAN MARINO). THIS RADIO STATION WILL BE USEFUL TO PCS FOR GENERAL POLITICAL PURPOSES AND IT WILL BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IF EARLY ELECTIONS ARE CALLED. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT PCS EMISSARIES HAVE ALREADY LEFT FORRAVENNA AND GENOA IN ITALY AND OTHER CITIES IN SWITZERLAND , FRANCE AND ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE TO COMMENCE

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN WITH SAN MARINO WORKERS IN THESE CITIES
IN ANTICIPATION EARLY ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE, EVEN THOUGH
PCS STATES IT IS OPPOSED TO EARLY ELECTIONS.

3. PCS DECISION TO ESTABLISH RADIO STATION HAS SPARKED
DEBATE WITHIN PDCA AS TO WHETHER OR NOT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS
SHOULD DO LIKEWISE.

4. MOST OBSERVERS OF SAN MARINO POLITICAL SCENE PREDICT
OUTCOME PRESENT CRISIS WILL BE EARLY ELECTIONS DESPITE FACT
ALL PARTIES PUBLICLY OPPOSE THEM.
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